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ALLOCATION FOR NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated, released and utilized under National Bamboo Mission (NBM) during 2006-07 State-wise and component-wise;

(b) the projects undertaken under NBM in the North-Eastern States;

(c) the departments engaged in implementation of NBM programmes in North-Eastern States;

(d) whether adequate market infrastructure have been created to fully harvest and utilize the Bamboos before they are rendered useless due to gregarious flowering; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Bamboo Mission during 2006-07 for implementation in 28 States, including North-Eastern States, in the country. The National Steering Committee of National Bamboo Mission, in its meeting held on 27th February, 2007 discussed the project proposals received from the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Orissa, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Uttaranchal and Gujarat. However, these proposals are still under the consideration of this Department.

A statement showing implementing Departments of the National Bamboo Mission in the North Eastern States is annexed.

(d)&(e): The Ministry of Environment and Forests in consultation with the State Governments and Ministries/Departments concerned in the Government of India prepared an action plan for an amount of Rs.366.50 crores to tackle the economic problems likely to arise due to gregarious flowering of bamboo in the North-Eastern States. The main components of the action plan include survey of the area, infrastructure development for extraction of the flowered bamboos and their utilization through value addition, regeneration of area, and fire, rodent and famine control measures, etc. Apart from obtaining funds from various other sources, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has initiated a centrally sponsored scheme of Rs.85 crores for partial funding of some of the activities under the action plan for a period of four years from 2005-06 to 2008-09. The State Governments are taking necessary action for building necessary infrastructure for harvesting and utilization of flowered bamboos. The progress is being monitored periodically by a Central Monitoring Committee headed by Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests